

Unassisted Childbirth and Maternity Care: Women's Perceptions and Beliefs

No registrations found.

Ethical review	Positive opinion
Status	Recruiting
Health condition type	-
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON19933

Source

NTR

Health condition

Unassisted Childbirth: Home birth by women who deliberately chose to deliver at home, unassisted by a skilled professional. Synonyms are: Unattended (child)birth, Free birth, Pure birth, Solo birth, Parent assisted birth, Undisturbed birth, Do-it-yourself birth, Instinctive birth and Raw birth.

Sponsors and support

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Intervention

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

Thematic Analyses of focus group interviews

Secondary outcome

not applicable

Study description

Background summary

Current literature shows a significant lack of research on Unassisted Childbirth (UC) in general and on UC in the Netherlands in particular, giving justification for conducting the proposed study. This research proposal aims at undertaking a qualitative study with a phenomenological study design about UC in the Netherlands.

A combination of convenience and purposive sampling is suggested for conducting focus group interviews about the perceptions and beliefs of women in the Netherlands who choose UC. After saturation has been reached, the data will be analysed using thematic analysis. Publication of the findings is intended to contribute to the understanding of this phenomenon and to identify any possible deficiencies of the current Dutch maternity care system in relation to the needs of the target population.

Study objective

What are the motivations of women in the Netherlands to choose UC and what are their beliefs on childbirth in general and in relation to current Dutch maternity care?

This study primarily aims at understanding women's motivations in declining (parts of) maternity care in the Netherlands, specifically birth care. There has not yet been any research published regarding the prevalence of UC in the Netherlands or the reasons why women decide to freebirth here. In critiquing the literature, there seems to be a significant deficiency in information about UC in general, and relating to the perceptions of freebirthers and maternity care in the Netherlands in particular, thereby justifying the proposed study.

Study design

not applicable

Intervention

not applicable

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Eligibility criteria

Inclusion criteria

having had (or tried to have) a freebirth in the last three years, age 18 years or older.

Exclusion criteria

not being able to speak or read Dutch, being pregnant or having given birth over three years ago.

Study design

Design

Study type:	Observational non invasive
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Non controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	N/A , unknown

Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruiting
Start date (anticipated):	19-05-2015
Enrollment:	18
Type:	Anticipated

Ethics review

Positive opinion	
Date:	14-05-2015
Application type:	First submission

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register	ID
NTR-new	NL5085
NTR-old	NTR5217
Other	METC Atrium Orbis Zuyd : 15-N-20

Study results